

# State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY  
GOVERNOR

## TRIBUTE TO PATRIOTS WEEK

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the citizens and communities of the great State of North Carolina live in liberty because of the noble and brave sacrifices made by those who have answered our Nation's call to serve in the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserves in time of peace and national peril, in times past and in the present, both here and abroad; and

WHEREAS, troops and veterans of all wars and conflicts from the most military-friendly State in this great Nation comprised of Fort Bragg Army Base, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, Marine Corps Air Station New River, Pope Air Force Base, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Elizabeth City Coast Guard Support Station, North Carolina National Guard Units and Armed Forces Reserve Training Centers, have in the past and now continue to serve the State of North Carolina and the United States of America globally while seeking no recognition; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 760,000 veterans and approximately 150,000 Patriots stationed in North Carolina defending freedom throughout the world today according to the North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs; and

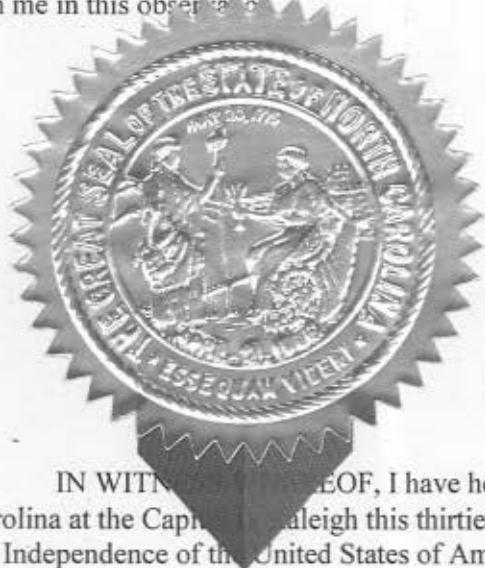
WHEREAS, their continued heroism, valor, and loyalty to the tenants of freedom and commitment to the selfless devotion to duty in the North Carolina tradition of preserving the highest ideals of citizenship, patriotism and "Service Above Self" constitutes the foundation of liberty and strength of this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, it is an honor and privilege to express our appreciation to the veterans, military personnel and their families, whose contributions and personal sacrifices serve as constant reminders of the high price of freedom in defending our homeland and in fighting the war against terrorism around the world; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we remember, respect, and honor deployed military personnel, active duty, National Guard and Reserve men and women, and active duty men and women of all Services; we pay special tribute to those Defenders of Liberty who preserve and perpetuate the ideals of freedom that provided the foundation of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, we remain The United States of America – Home of the Free, Because of the Brave;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 19-25, 2007, as North Carolina's "TRIBUTE TO PATRIOTS WEEK," and urge our citizens to join me in this observance.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Easley".

MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capital City of Raleigh this thirtieth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.